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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

The Case for a 'Repeal Amendment'

By Randy E. Barnett and William J. Howell

The celebration of Constitution Day this year takes on renewed significance as Americans are objecting to a federal government that has bailed out banks, car companies and student loans while it prepares to take charge of the practice of medicine. Unfortunately, because there is no single cause for this growth of federal power, there is no single solution.

One cause is political, with officials promising solutions to social problems that are beyond their power to deliver. Another is judicial, with federal judges who have allowed the Congress to exceed its enumerated powers for so long that they no longer entertain even the possibility of enforcing the Constitution.

Also responsible are two "progressive" constitutional amendments adopted in 1913. Both dramatically increased the power of the federal government at the expense of the states, creating a constitutional imbalance that needs to be corrected.

The 16th Amendment gave Congress the income tax. This enabled Congress to evade the constitutional limits placed on its own power by effectively bribing states. Once states are "hooked" on federal funds, they can be coerced to obey federal dictates or lose the revenue.

The 17th Amendment provided for the direct election of U.S. senators by the voters of each state. Under the original Constitution they were selected by state legislatures and could be expected to restrain federal power. Whatever that amendment's democratic benefits, the loss of this

check on the federal government has been costly.

Beginning in January, the Virginia legislature will consider a constitutional "Repeal Amendment" that would give two-thirds of the states the power to repeal any federal law or regulation. Its text is simple: "Any provision of law or regulation of the United States may be repealed by the several states, and such repeal shall be effective when the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states approve resolutions for this purpose that particularly describe the same provision or provisions of law or regulation to be repealed."

At present, the only way for states to contest a federal law or regulation is in federal court or by amendment to the Constitution. A state repeal power provides a targeted way to reverse particular congressional acts and administrative regulations without relying on federal judges or permanently amending the text of the Constitution.

The Repeal Amendment should not be confused with the power to "nullify" unconstitutional laws. Unlike nullification, repeal allows two-thirds of the states to reject a federal law for reasons that are irrelevant to constitutional concerns. In this sense, a state repeal power is more like the president's veto power.

This amendment reflects confidence in the collective wisdom of people from diverse backgrounds elected by diverse constituencies, who comprise the state legislatures. Put another way, it allows thousands of democratically elected representatives outside the Beltway to check 535 elected representatives in Washington, D.C.

Congress could re-enact a repealed measure if it feels that state legislatures are out of touch with popular sentiment. Congressional re-enactment would require merely a simple majority.

Americans revere their Constitution but have also acted politically to improve it. The 13th and 14th Amendments limited the original power of states to violate the rights of their own citizens, while the 15th and 19th Amendments extended the right to vote to blacks and women. The 21st Amendment repealed the "progressive" 18th Amendment that prohibited alcohol.

The Repeal Amendment alone will not cure all the current problems with federal power. Getting two-thirds of state legislatures to agree on overturning a federal law will only happen if a law is highly unpopular.

Perhaps its most important effect will be deterring further expansions of federal power. Suppose, for example, that Congress decides to nationalize private pension investments. In addition to a considering a presidential veto, so would Congress need to anticipate how states will react.

The Repeal Amendment would help restore the ability of states to protect the powers "reserved to the states" noted in the 10th Amendment. And it would provide citizens another political avenue to protect the "rights . . . retained by the people" to which the Ninth Amendment refers. In short, the amendment provides a new political check on the threat to American liberties posed by a runaway federal government. And checking abuses of power is what the Constitution is all about. -- Barnett is a professor at the Georgetown University Law Center and

Howell is the Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates. — Wall Street Journal, Sept. 16, 2010

Three things about Islam

Ed.: We've previously printed two "things about Islam": 1. **Islam has not been hijacked.** and 2. **Striving to introduce worldwide Shari'a law is a religious duty.**

Here's the third "thing about Islam":

3. Muslims are allowed to deceive non-Muslims if it helps Islam. For non-Muslims this principle, called Taqiyya, is another surprising concept of Islam. While most other religions speak highly of truthfulness the Qur'an instructs Muslims to lie to non-Muslims about their beliefs and their political ambitions to protect and spread Islam.

There are many examples of today's Islamic leaders saying one thing in English for the Western press, and then saying something entirely different to their own followers in Arabic a few days later.

Deceiving the enemy is always useful in war, and Islam is at war with the non-Islamic world until the whole world follows Shari'a law. All non-Muslims living in non-Islamic states are therefore enemies. So deceiving Westerners is totally acceptable — even encouraged — if it can forward the goals of the spread of Islam.

As a recent example, the Islamic American Relief Agency were seemingly raising money for orphans, but in fact giving the money to terrorists. They deceived good-hearted Western infidels into giving money to organisations that were actively killing Western infidels.

Do the research yourself; this is not an isolated case.

One deception is the claim that "**Islam as a religion of peace**". Muslim organisations worldwide often declare that Islam is a religion of peace, but what does that really mean? It seems easy for a Muslim to quote a peaceful verse from the early parts of the Qur'an while, by following the principle of Taqiyya, neglecting to mention the fact that it has been officially abrogated by later, more violent verses. In fact **according to the Qur'an the world will be at peace only when Islam and Shari'a reign in every country — and never until then.** This is why every Muslim can truthfully say that Islam is a religion

of peace.

If any of these points took you by surprise — then there is surely much more you still don't know.

This subject WILL affect you in the near future, so take the chance to inform yourself now, before it does.

-- Transcript of The White Roses' video "Three Things about Islam", 27 July 2010

Social Security: "An inter-generational Ponzi game"

The first social security check was issued to Ida Fuller of Brattleboro, Vermont in 1940. It was for \$22.54. At the time she got this check she paid in only \$22.00 in social security taxes. By the time she drew her last check in 1974, she had received \$20,944, all except \$22.00 unfunded. No wonder Reagan called it "an inter-generational Ponzi game." It was a kind of pyramid fraud, played on youth. Congress knowingly promoted the fraud. Between 1950 and 1972 Congress, often over presidential protests, raised social security benefits or extended eligibility eleven times, six of them in election years. The most irresponsible change came in 1972 when Wilbur Mills, the great House Democratic financial panjandrum and big spender, raised it twenty percent and indexed all benefits to the Consumer Price Index. By 1982 the average pensioner was collecting (in real terms) five times in benefits in what he/she had paid in taxes. --*A History of the American People*, Paul Johnson, p.923 (1997)

And in 2010, for the first time, Social Security benefits exceeded Social Security taxes. — Ed.

Statism, Inflation and the Fed

By Jacob G. Hornberger

As the statists debate the future impact of the Fed's latest inflationary binge, it's important that we keep the big picture in mind.

Ever since the Fed was established in 1913, for decade after decade, it has inflated the money supply.

Most federal officials have an insatiable desire to spend other people's money. The federal government ordinarily gets money from taxes. The problem, of course, is that it wants to spend more than is collected. But they don't want to raise taxes because people get angry, which could mean "bye, bye" to the politician, who,

of course, thinks of nothing but reelection.

So, their solution is to borrow the difference between what is collected and what is spent. This debt must ultimately be paid off.

That's where the central bank -- the Federal Reserve -- comes in. It cranks up the printing presses to pay off the government's debt and to cover new spending programs.

Yes, I know what the statist will say: "Oh, no, Jacob. The Fed was established to bring stability and order to the monetary system."

That's a joke. The only purpose of the Federal Reserve is to enable federal officials to spend to their heart's content without raising taxes.

Why is the dollar worth about a nickel today compared to its value in 1913? Because the Fed by inflating the money supply has debased the value of the dollar. And each time they say: "Oh, it's just a temporary fix. It's just a short-term stimulus. We can return to normal after the economy is stimulated."

But things never return to normal. The debasement of the dollar has remained a permanent feature of American life.

Why do we no longer use gold and silver coins, as we did for more than 100 years? It's because the Federal Reserve has inflated the money supply so that it no longer makes sense to spend a silver quarter since its metal content is worth much more than twenty-five cents in today's debased currency.

The statists tell us that inflation is a good thing. They are wrong. A debased currency is never a good thing. First, inflation is a tax, a secret, surreptitious tax. Second, newly printed money send false signals, leading consumers and investors to make perverse decisions. The housing debacle is a good example of that phenomenon.

Our country was founded on the concept of sound money. That was why we used gold, silver, and copper coins. It's no coincidence that the following phrase appears in the Constitution: "A state shall not ... make anything but gold and silver coin a legal tender in payment of debts."

Unfortunately, the statists prevailed -- first with the creation of the Federal Reserve, followed by the abolition of the gold standard, the confiscation of gold, the nullification of gold clauses in contracts, and decades

In the beginning of change the patriot is a scarce man, brave, hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, however, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot. — Mark Twain

of big spending financed by massive inflationary binges.

There is only one solution to all this monetary statism. Ditch the Federal Reserve entirely. Abolish it, along with all legal-tender laws that force us to accept the Fed's funny money. Separate money and the state, in the same way our ancestors had the wisdom to separate religion and the state.

-- <http://www.fff.org/blog/jghblog2010-11-16.asp>

Federal funny money

"History shows how one bad idea (fractional-reserve banking) led to a worse idea (that the government should extend special privileges to a monopolistic private bank [the Federal Reserve] to help the bank float its fractional-reserve paper currency [Federal Reserve notes] in the market), which led to a yet the worst idea (that the government should centralize the creation of a private fractional-reserve currency in a nationwide system propped up with public debt), which finally led to the present situation in which the government purports to make itself liable to accept for payment of taxes or to redeem with 'lawful money' all the paper currency of the national cartel of fractional-reserve banks organized under the Federal Reserve System -- a situation that could (and when it collapses doubtlessly will) be styled the great house of monetary cards that political Jacks built." -- Edward Vieira, *Pieces of Eight: The Monetary Powers and Disabilities of the United States Constitution* (2d ed., 2002)

Ed.: Vieira could have added another bad idea to his list: the enactment of legal tender laws, which force people to accept paper money as payment:

"Walker, in his Am. Law, p. 145, declares it an act of despotic power to make paper a legal tender. The principal interference of government with the currency has been to debase it. Say gives an account of the acts of the French monarchs, of this character, in his Political Economy, book 1, chap. 21, sec. 5, and adds: 'Let no government imagine that, to strip them of the power of defrauding their subjects, is to deprive them of a valuable privilege.' Says Mr. Gouge: 'No instance is on record of a nation's having arrived at great wealth without the use of gold and silver money. Nor is there, on the other hand, any instance of a nation's endeavoring to supplant this natural money, without involving

itself in distress and embarrassment,'" 22 Ind., at 305.

The Creature from Jekyll Island: A Second Look at the Federal Reserve

By G. Edward Griffin

This new 5th edition includes my analysis of bank bailouts under the Bush and Obama Administrations that are nothing less than legalized plunder of the American people. Many other updates have been added, including a revision to the list of those who attended the meeting at Jekyll Island where the Federal Reserve was created. Even if you already have an older copy (there have been 28 printings so far), you will want this new edition, with important historical updates, for your library

Where does money come from? Where does it go? Who makes it? The money magician's secrets are unveiled. Here is a close look at their mirrors and smoke machines, the pulleys, cogs, and wheels that create the grand illusion called money. A boring subject? Just wait. You'll be hooked in five minutes. It reads like a detective story -- which it really is, but it's all true. This book is about the most blatant scam of history. It's all here: the cause of wars, boom-bust cycles, inflation, depression, prosperity. Your world view will definitely change. Putting it quite simply, this may be the most important book on world affairs you will ever read.

-- Press release, Oct. 31, 2010

Homegrown Islamist groups increasingly operational

By Steven Emerson

Revolution Muslim and the Islamic Thinkers Society are moving from ideology to violent action, a review of recent terror indictments by the Investigative Project on Terrorism shows.

Islamist groups like the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) have minimized the danger of these individuals. CAIR spokesman Ibrahim Hooper wrote off the RevolutionMuslim.com site as "an extreme fringe group that has absolutely no credibility within the Muslim community. In fact, most Muslims suspect they were set up only to make Muslims look bad." But new indictments show that some overzealous participants in the groups are increasing their radical activity.

The case of Abdel Hameed Shehadeh is the most recent example. Shehadeh was arrested Oct. 26 in

Hawaii on charges of lying about why he traveled to Pakistan and his attempts to join the Taliban. Shehadeh, who operated three websites hosting extremist material and Al-Qaeda videos, enjoyed a close relationship with Revolution Muslim.

According to the criminal complaint, a June 28, 2008 visit by a federal agent to one of these websites revealed a blog post "introducing www.civiljihad.com to the Revolution Muslim online community."

"It is time for the Muslims to start practicing our freedom of speech... My brothers of revolution islam [Revolution Muslim], I am with you as long as you keep struggling. Trust me there are many brothers and sisters in America that are ready to speak up. They just need a push," Shehadeh posted on his site. By August 03, 2008, www.civiljihad.com simply became a redirecting website, automatically sending viewers to Revolution Muslim's homepage.

Organizations like Revolution Muslim share a common belief in spreading Islam through Da'wah [proselytizing]. They also promote a common narrative of a "War on Islam," and identifying with foreign terrorist organizations aimed at bringing down the West.

RM functions as one of the most visible English-language websites and organizations promoting al-Qaida's call to jihad. In addition to promoting the literature and videos of senior terrorist ideologue Anwar al-Awlaki, RM leaders have participated in all levels of the radicalization process, from identifying targets to providing advice about bombings.

For example, RM founder Yousef al-Khattab sparked heightened security at prominent Jewish sites by identifying them as sources of funding, spiritual guidance and material for Israel's January 2009 attack on Gaza.

An earlier posting featured a Jewish prayer book covered in what appears to be blood. Likewise, a posting concerning the Times Square Bomber stated, "I think people should be more careful when they plan operations. Try fertilizer, not firecrackers, Insha'Allah [Allah willing]."

Revolution Muslim has also been a stopover point for identification with larger terrorist groups like Hamas and al-Qaida, or an ideological breeding ground for homegrown jihadist sentiment. By giving would-be warriors a centralized place to review and discuss violent speeches by clerics such as Abdullah al-Faisal, RM gathers isolated individuals on varying levels of

the radicalization process. It gives them "a push" to identify with the most violent extremes of Islamist theology and feeds the narrative that Muslims everywhere are the victim of a "War on Islam."

RM's efforts have registered with susceptible individuals, including Abdul Hameed Shehadeh, Zachary Chessler, and a host of other attempted terrorists.

Chessler, aka Abu Talhah al-Amreekee, recently pled guilty in Alexandria, VA federal court to providing material support to Al-Shabaab, an al-Qaida-affiliated terrorist organization. Chessler also echoed calls by Awlaki aimed at inciting violence against cartoonists for the animated show "South Park" and a journalist who initiated the "Everybody Draw Muhammad Day." In addition, he provided the personal information of several individuals involved with "Everybody Draw Muhammad Day" on a jihadist forum. Other accused or convicted terrorists with noted Revolution Muslim ties include Colleen LaRose, Bryant Neal Vinas, Tarek Mehanna and Daniel Maldonado. Samir Khan, the suspected editor of Al-Qaeda's English magazine and the author of its second edition article, "I am proud to be a Traitor to America," gradually moved from the organization's circles to al-Qaeda.

RM is not alone in its connections to individuals who have carried out acts of terror. The Islamic Thinkers Society, another radical Islamist forum, promotes an identical message about a "War on Islam" and violent solutions. According to CNN, "followers of the Islamic Thinkers Society not only helped radicalize [convicted terrorist Bryant Neil] Vinas, but also helped him connect with militants in Pakistan." Other accused terrorists affiliated with the movement include Mahmood Alessa and Carlos Eduardo Almonte, both reportedly negotiating guilty pleas to attempting to fight alongside Al-Shabaab.

-- National Writers Syndicate, Nov. 2, 2010

Who needs a gun at home?

KNOXVILLE - A woman shot and killed a man during a South Knoxville home invasion robbery after the intruder had shot her husband, authorities said this morning.

According to Knoxville Police Department spokesman Darrell DeBusk, when officers arrived they found Joshua Dexter Watson, 24, of Knoxville dead from multiple wounds

administered by a .357-caliber revolver belonging to the homeowners.

DeBusk said two suspects knocked on the door of the home and "then kicked in the door."

The two intruders struggled with [the homeowner] and one of the suspects shot him.

After Franklin was shot, Jamie Franklin, 21, grabbed the household .357 revolver and "fired several rounds striking one suspect more than once in the upper body," DeBusk said.

The second aspiring robber fled on foot.

-- *News Sentinel*, Nov. 22, 2010

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"Reliable, durable, and easy to operate, modern firearms are the most effective means of self-defense ever devised. They require minimal maintenance and, unlike knives and other weapons, do not depend on an individual's physical strength for their effectiveness. Only a gun can allow a 110-pound woman to defend herself against a 200-pound man." — Linda Gorman and David B. Kopel, "Self-Defense: The Equalizer," *Forum for Applied Research and Public Policy* 15 (2000): 92

America's Bread and Circus Society

By Chuck Baldwin

The Roman poet Juvenal (circa 100 A.D.) wrote: "Already long ago, from when we sold our vote to no man, the People have abdicated our duties; for the People who once upon a time handed out military command, high civil office, legions--everything, now restrains itself and anxiously hopes for just two things: bread and circuses."

I submit that a good many in America are, like Rome of old, frittering away their God-given liberties, clamoring for nothing more than government handouts and never-ending entertainment. Millions of Americans (especially males) are intoxicated with sports. Sports are no longer a great American pastime; they are now a great American obsession. I am not talking about sports in general; I am talking about the way many American men have allowed sports to dominate their lives.

I submit that an obsession with sports gives men a false sense of masculinity and actually serves to steal true manhood from them. For example, it used to be when men stripped their shirts off and painted their faces, they

were heading to the battlefield. Now they are headed to the sports coliseum.

If we could get American males as energized about defending the historic principles upon which liberty and Western Civilization are built as they are in defending their favorite quarterback, our country would not be in the shape it is in today.

Instead of getting in the face of these would-be tyrants in Washington, D.C., who are doing everything they can to steal the American dream, we get in the face of the poor umpire who makes a bad call. Add to an epidemic obsession with sports the demand for handouts from Big Brother and the outlook for liberty is not good.

Ladies and gentlemen, one cannot have it both ways. If we expect government to be our supplier, we cannot expect that it will not become our master. Every job given to government is another freedom—and another dollar—taken from the citizenry. Every government job brings with it a restriction, a prohibition, a tax, etc. As government grows, freedom shrinks. As government spends, wealth shrinks. And as government hires, opportunity shrinks.

Most historians agree with Juvenal that the Roman Empire collapsed due to a morally reckless, selfish, pleasure-crazed, sports-obsessed, bread and circus society that surrendered self-government to a central government that, through perpetual wars and incessant handouts, destroyed a once-great republic.

By all appearances, the bread and circus society has reared its ugly head in America. If the people do not quickly repent of this madness, the consequences will be just as destructive for our once-great republic as it was for Rome.

P.S. Let me, again, remind readers that my family and I have relocated to Kalispell, Montana. Our new ministry is called "LIBERTY FELLOWSHIP."

Obviously, our move and the subsequent costs to establish this new work are extremely expensive. At 58 years old, my wife and I are starting all over again. Needless to say, we knew this was going to be a step of faith, but we had no idea how much so.

Therefore, I am appealing for a contribution to LIBERTY FELLOWSHIP. Gifts made are NOT tax deductible. If you can help me get this new work started, please send your check or money order (we do plan to

accept credit cards in the very near future) to:
Liberty Fellowship
P.O. Box 10
Kila, Montana 59920

Thank you very much for reading my columns and helping us fight the fight for God and freedom.

-- November 10, 2010

JPFO ALERT: SHOULD AMERICA REMAIN A CHRISTIAN NATION?

"Without a vibrant and vital Christianity, America is doomed, and without America, the west is doomed. Which is why I, an Orthodox Jewish rabbi, devoted to Jewish survival, the Torah, and Israel am so terrified of American Christianity caving in." -- Rabbi Daniel Lapin

We at JPFO are doing a survey informally called "Lunch With Jesus".

Imagine if Jesus showed up at your front door and you invited him in for lunch. Be you Jew or Christian, you'd certainly have some pointed questions. Your questions might range from what Jesus would tell Americans about Islam, to his views on victim disarmament ("gun control"), to what he would say to Jew haters.

Our goal in doing the survey is to steer Americans back towards preserving our foundation as a Christian nation.

Please take the survey and share your most thoughtful and sincere opinions. Keep your responses anonymous. We need everyone who is reading this alert to participate.

Freedom is not a spectator sport.

Please make sure everybody you know reads this alert and takes the survey. Go to the survey page - <http://jpfo.org/articles-assd02/christian-nation.htm>
-- Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, Nov. 24, 2010

New U.S. Army rifle uses smart bullets

The U.S. army is to begin using a futuristic rifle that fires radio-controlled 'smart' bullets in Afghanistan later this month.

The XM25 rifle uses bullets that are programmed to explode when they have travelled a set distance, allowing enemies to be targeted no matter where they are hiding.

The rifle has a range of 2,300 feet making it possible to hit targets which are well out of the reach of conventional rifles.

The rifle's gunsight uses a laser rangefinder to determine the exact distance to the obstruction, after which the soldier can add or subtract up to 3 metres from that distance to enable the 25-millimetre bullets to clear the barrier and explode above or beside the target.

Soldiers will be able to use them to target snipers hidden in trenches rather than calling in air strikes.

Lt. Col. Christopher Lehner, project manager, told FoxNews: 'With this weapon system, we take away cover from [enemy targets] forever.'

"Tactics are going to have to be rewritten. The only thing we can see [enemies] being able to do is run away."

The XM25 appears the perfect weapon for street-to-street fighting, with Taliban fighters hiding behind walls and only breaking cover to fire occasionally.

When fired, the round would explode with the force of a hand grenade above the fighter.

The army's project manager for new weapons, Douglas Tamilio, said: "You could shoot a Javelin missile, and it would cost £43,000. These rounds will end up costing £15.50 apiece. They're relatively cheap."

The rifle will initially use high-explosive rounds, but its makers say that it might later use versions with smaller explosive charges that aim to stun rather than kill. -- www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article/30/Nov. 2010

Administration shows "utter contempt for the American people"

By Thomas Sowell

No country has better airport security than Israel-- and no country needs it more, since Israel is the most hated target of Islamic extremist terrorists. Yet, somehow, Israeli airport security people don't have to strip passengers naked electronically or have strangers feeling their private parts.

"Security" may be the excuse being offered for the outrageous things being done to American air travelers, but the heavy-handed arrogance and contempt for ordinary people that is the hallmark of this administration in other areas is all too painfully apparent in these new and invasive airport procedures.

Can you remember a time when a Cabinet member in a free America boasted of having his "foot on

the neck" of some business or when the President of the United States threatened on television to put his foot on another part of some citizens' anatomy?

Yet this and more has happened in the current administration, which is not yet two years old. One Cabinet member warned that there would be "zero tolerance" for "misinformation" when an insurance company said the obvious, that the mandates of ObamaCare would raise costs and therefore raise premiums. Zero tolerance for exercising the First Amendment right of free speech?

More than two centuries ago, Edmund Burke warned about the dangers of new people with new power. This administration, only halfway through its term, has demonstrated that in many ways.

What other administration has had an Attorney General call the American People "cowards"? And refuse to call terrorists Islamic? What other administration has had a Secretary of Homeland Security warn law enforcement officials across the country of security threats from people who are anti-abortion, for federalism or are returning military veterans?

If anything good comes out of the airport "security" outrages, it may be in opening the eyes of more people to the utter contempt that this administration has for the American people.

-- <http://townhall.com/columnists/ThomasSowell/2010/11/23>

U.N. peacekeepers likely source of cholera in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti -- U.N. peacekeepers are the likely source of a cholera outbreak in Haiti that has killed at least 2,000 people concluded epidemiologist Renaud Piarroux.

U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky said that there is no conclusive evidence that its base was the source of the outbreak.

Piarroux could not prove there was cholera inside the base or among the soldiers.

But he hinted strongly at a cover-up.

Nepalese troops confirmed they had replaced a leaking pipe, which contained a foul-smelling runoff that the U.N. denies was human waste.

Piarroux's report is the first scientific study linking the base to the epidemic.

Other experts say it is possible that ocean currents or other climate-

related events carried the bacteria to Haiti. Further studies on bacterial samples that could address those questions are expected in coming days.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed that the strain of cholera bacteria in Haiti matched one from South Asia, a region that includes Nepal.

The report notes that the rotation of soldiers began arriving, days before those first cases, from Nepal, where there were cholera outbreaks over the summer.

The disease was totally unknown to today's Haitians, who had developed no immunity against it.

For the first critical month, the UN, CDC, and WHO said that an investigation into how the disease arrived in Haiti could be harmful. Those who asked questions were accused of playing "the blame game."

It was not until AP reports of sanitation problems at the base that the matter was seriously discussed in public.

The disease has spread to every region of the country and sickened nearly 100,000 people. The U.N. says the death toll could be twice the official count and that up to 650,000 people in Haiti could get cholera over the next six months.

-- AP Dec. 7, 2010

Ed.: Remember when Kissinger said after the L.A. riots that Americans will someday welcome U.N. troops to restore order? Cholera would be the least of our problems.

Forgotten words of Thomas Jefferson

The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.

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It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world.

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I predict future happiness for

Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.

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My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.

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No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms.

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The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.

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The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.

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To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.

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I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property - until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.

Obama nominates rabid anti-gunner to head the ATF

Pres. Barack Obama, keeping his nominee to head the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives a secret until after the election, has named anti-gun zealot Andrew F. Traver to fill the slot.

As special agent in charge of Chicago's ATF field division, Traver has called for a ban on semiautomatic firearms.

Chicago, of course, has been the epicenter of anti-gun government activism. Traver has also been active in

the virulently anti-gun International Association of Chiefs of Police, which has commissioned panels to:

* support one-gun-a-month and lock-up-your-safety laws, as well as "ballistic fingerprinting" files on all firearms;

* espouse an "effective" ban on .50-caliber firearms, and a redefinition of "armor-piercing" ammunition that could effectively ban handgun use;

* mandate gun-destruction policies for law enforcement and enhanced funding to go after guns;

* prohibit all private gun sales and make "prohibited persons" out of persons committing simple misdemeanors;

* back a repeal of the Tiahrt amendment; and,

* allow federal health and safety oversight of the firearms industry (through agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control, the Consumer Product Safety Commission or the Food and Drug Administration).

It is disconcerting that ANY organization espousing these views would be taken seriously. That an activist in such an organization would be put in charge of the ATF is truly troubling.

Please ask your senators to support a filibuster of the Traver nomination to head the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. -- Gunowners of America Action Alert Nov. 29, 2010

Many Say Government Now Operating Outside the Constitution

Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey finds that just 39% of likely U.S. voters believe the federal government currently operates within the limits established by the Constitution. Forty-four percent (44%) say it is not functioning within those limits, while another 17% aren't sure.

Earlier surveys have shown that just one-in-five voters believe that the government has the consent of the governed.

-- Rasmussen Reports, Nov. 23, 2010

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